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Ministers Who Served in the Church of Christ Stayton, Ore.

(This list is as nearly correct as could be made from the information available. There may be omissions, and some of the dates may be approximate.)

1889	L.Y. Bailey	
1890	Reverend Roberts	
1891-1892	W.W. Hallam (Dale Crabtree's great-grandfather)	
1893-1894	B.R. Bonnell	
1895-1896	L. Green	
1897	E.R. Childers	
1898	Reverend Lister	
1898-1899	A.D. Skaggs	
1900	Reverend Lemaster	
1902-1902	Frank Ware	
1902-1903	Willard A. Elkins (deceased January, 1956)	
1904-1907	E.L. Morton (deceased)	
1908	W.F. Chase (July 12 to December 6)	
1908-1909	Reverend Kendall, one-half time	
1909	S. Earl Childers (February 7 to June)	
1911	Roy L. Dunn (carpenter, helped build annex at rear of church)	Later served
1913-1915	H.E. Rossell 1929.	\part of 1929
1915-1916	Ralph L. Putnam	
1917	F. M. Hortan	
1918	Arthur Harriman	
1919	Fred Harriman, brother of Arthur	
1920-1921	E.A. Palmer, father of Melba Palmer Rees	
1922	R. Tibbs Maxey	
1923	W.B. Straub and W.L. Deming	
1923-1926	G.W. Hay	
1926-1927	I.G. Shaw	
1928	R. L. Dunn	
1929-1938	W. H. Lyman	
1938-1941	Kelvin Traxler	
1941	Reverend Nebling	
1941-1943	Bruce Caldwell	
1943-1945	Kenneth Knox	
1946	Tyrell Baxter	
1947	Vernon Beeks	
1948-1951	Clyde Freeman	
1951-1952	H. R. Rickard	
1952-1954	Glen Bernon	
1954-1958	Clyde Freeman	
1958-1960	Don Leavitt	
i960	Darrell Countryman	
1961	Mark Baker	
1962-1964	George Caldwell	
1964-1967	Bob Osborn	
1967-1971	Byron Pickering	
1971-1979	Melvert W. Byers	
1979	Clyde Freeman	

Source:

Records of the Church of God, Mill Creek Congregation, 1855-1866
September 15, 1921 article in the Christian Journal by Henry C. Porter.
Records of the Church of Christ, Stayton, Oregon, 1881-1956.
Interviews with the present members of the Stayton Church of Christ.

Steam and gasoline powered conveyances have long since supplanted the animal-drawn covered wagons which brought immigration westward to the Oregon country.

The sturdy pioneers of the early '50's, who came to the Stayton vicinity, like their contemporaries, each brought with him that priceless heritage of worshipping God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

Accordingly, in 1856, a group of these Marion County pioneers organized the first church in the proximity of Stayton, then the territory of Oregon. The minutes of the organization record, "Church of God, Mill Creek Congregation".

The original church building, a schoolhouse 16' x 20' stood on the north portion of the William Porter Donation Land Claim, one mile southeast of the present town of Aumsville, approximately four miles north west of the Stayton Church of Christ. The church stood a short distance northeast from a large spring, the source of Porter Creek, among large fir trees some of which are still standing.

The church was organized by Elder George W. Richardson, then of Linn County, with O.P. Taylor and I.M. Sullens, deacons. Sixty-four were listed on the minutes as members. The accompanying list of 70 members of the Mill Creek Congregations, taken from the *Christian Journal*, corresponds with the original records, except that it contains six more names (those six are marked by an *), and the spelling of a few of the names varies.

Members listed by Henry C. Porter; identifications by Mrs. E.C. Downing, nee Nettie Read: Nebuzaradan T. Coffey and Elizabeth Coffey, parents of Martha, Mrs. Wm. Porter; O.P. Taylor; Sarah Taylor, first wife of O.P. Taylor; Wm. Brayton; Lucy Ann Brayton, Henrietta Brayton, Felix M. Taylor, Rachel Taylor; Jemima Taylor; John Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor; Emily Luce; F.G. Taylor; Issac M. Sullons; John T. Foster; Adeline Foster; John Nash; Mary Nash; Gilliam Walker; Rhoda Walker; Edson Kimsey; Melinda Kimsey; Stephen Porter, brother of Wm. Porter and owner of DLC where the Santiam Memorial Hospital stands; W.H. Tucker; Mary Tucker; E.J. Tucker; Martha L. Tucker, Wm. Porter, owner of Donation land Claim on which the church stood; Martha L. Porter, wife of Wm. Porter; E.N. Tucker (Elizabeth Nancy), became Mrs. C.K. Read, mother of Mrs. E.C. Downing; J.B. Greer; Mrs. J.B. Greer; J.A. Johnson; Elizabeth Johnson; W.B. Frazer; Delilah Frazer; Emily J. Neal; John Herron; D. Herron; *Travis Johnson (colored) Thos. G. Goffey, brother of Mrs. Wm. Porter; Lucilla J. Coffey; Geo. W. Taylor; Julia A. Taylor; Sarah Taylor; Mary A. Lewis; Martha Read, mother of G. K. Read and grandmother of Mrs. E.C. Downing; N. T. Clayton ("Caton" on minutes); *Benj. Stanton; Mary Luce; George M. Whitney; Melville Taylor; Cyrena Taylor; John Walker; Lucy M. Neal, sister of C. K. Read; C. K. Read (Clifton Kittridge), father of Mrs. E.C. Downing; Susan T. Smith; Nancy Drinkwater, Amanda Drinkwater; *Barthena Drinkwater; *Martha Drinkwater; Samuel Tucker; Sarah Tucker; Joseph M. Jones and Polly L. Jones, parents of Mrs. W.E. Thomas called "G"; J.W. Shaff (first baptism recorded, April 20, 1862; one for whom Shaff Road was named); Betsy Shaff, wife, baptized May 11, 1862; *H.L. Turner (Henry) and *Julia A. Turner, parents of Mrs. Cornelai Turner Davis; George Turner, and Lewis Turner; for whom the Memorial Tabernacle at Turner was erected.

The Mill Creek Congregation favored a meeting every Sunday but the procedure was not possible as it was difficult to get preachers. For the most part, John A. Powell, George W. Whitney and Elder George W. Richardson preached for the approximate 108 recorded meetings during the ten years for which records were available.

Some of the meetings were two or three days in succession; and one, beginning September 9, 1858, held for six days when 13 "joined the Christian Church, 10 of whom became members of the Mill Creek Congregation." In the minutes of the meeting October 19, 1862, the congregation was called the "Mill Creek Congregation of the Church of Christ." (Mr. Porter entitled his article in the *Christian Journal*, "The Mill Creek Church now Aumsville Church of Christ"). On that date, October 19, 1862 the membership roll was revised and 81 names were subscribed. On April 20 1862, was recorded the first baptism, that of J.W. Shaff. A Sabbath School was organized on April 10, 1859. with G.M. Whitney as superintendent; teachers were W.H. Brayton, W.H. Tucker, Wm. Porter, Henrietta Whitney, Mrs. Read, and Mrs. Shaff. That same year three delegates were selected to attend the annual meeting in Monmouth; in Nov. 1865, delegates from other churches in Linn and Marion Counties held a "cooperation meeting" at Mill Creek for the purpose of sending evangelists into the field. It was agreed that John A. Posell, G.M. Whitney and R. Bails be sent out.

During the May 14, 15, 16, 1866 meeting, the old officers of Mill Creek Congregation resigned and new ones were appointed. At the June 4, 1866 meeting, the clerk was instructed to copy all the church proceedings since February 12, 1865 with list of members. This record, if completed, has not been available and no further records of meetings at Mill Creek are obtainable. The last recorded period of the Church of God, Mill Creek Congregation, during and following the Civil War, was one of unrest.

A new and larger church building was erected in 1858 which was used for 10 years. (The *Christian Journal* stated that the new building was "abandoned in 1868 and the congregation changed its place of meeting to Aumsville and the name, Mill Creek Church of Christ was changed to Aumsville Church of Christ." In the *Capital Journal*, July 30, the church was called Mill Creek Church of Christ.

For a time the majority of the members of the Mill Greek Church worshipped in the Aumsville schoolhouse until the completion of the present church building there, which was dedicated May 4, 1884. In Mr. Porter's article it was stated that the Tabernacle in Turner is the outgrowth of the Mill Greek Church.

In 1861, the original 16' x20' church building at Mill Creek, called "the old meeting house", was purchased by C.P. Taylor for \$35.00. With the help of neighbors and several yoke of oxen, the structure was moved to the Taylor premises and used for a kitchen. Later it was moved a second time, to the Brown property a short distance east of the SP depot in Aumsville. In 1921, it was being used for a storeroom and work shop.

On March 19, 1881, ten years before a charter for the town of Stayton was adopted, the Church of Christ at Stayton, Oregon, was organized with 14 members. It is thought that the charter members were taken from the following names (those *ed were listed with the Mill Creek congregation):- *John G. Orchard, Deacon; J.W. Tharp; *Joseph K. Jones, Elder; A.J. Richardson; *O.H.P. Darby (Perry); S.A. Jones, Elder; R.E. Richardson; Louisa Darby; *Mrs. J.M. Jones (Polly L.); Lean Price (later Mrs. Caldwell), Secretary; Mrs. M. M. Powell; Mrs. S.A. Jones; *Elizabeth Jones; John Kearns; *Augustus Miller,

Deacon.

It would be an infinite task to write a suitable and proper history of a church organization with its field of activity; - that on a certain date an individual made confession, was baptised, or married, or was called to his reward. Here only the barest facts appear, with dates, either of which may raise a doubt. The record is not infallible. But to the memories of many, these prosaic entries may recall the past with its pulsing vitality.

The deed for the property of the Church of Christ at Stayton, Oregon, was obtained June 23, 1881. Records for the first years of the church are missing. It is noted in the available minutes of church meetings, that a general form of procedure was followed throughout, with some exceptions. Each meeting was opened with prayer, followed by Scripture reading, then the business transactions were disposed of, and the meeting adjourned with prayer. (later the Scripture reading was omitted).

1888, April 4, S.M. Shelley was chairman of the board. A.J. Richardson was appointed clerk. Three delegates were sent to the State Meeting,

1889, January 4, it was resolved that the church have a plurality of elders. Also, that this congregation adopt the use of unfermented wine in commemoration of the Lord's Supper and use that and no other. On February 2, this latter resolution was withdrawn. A.J. Richardson was appointed to see how many would agree to keep the church hour in order. W.E. Thomas was appointed to circulate a subscription to raise money to pay Brother L.Y. Bailey for one-half time. Three delegates were appointed to attend the state meeting at Turner. August 31, the use of the organ in church service was adopted.

1890. May 31, five delegates were elected to attend the annual meeting at Turner: W. Bailey, W.E. Thomas, S. Darby, F.O. McCaulay, and J.I. Crabtree.

1891. Two women, Emma Thomas and Emmaline Richardson, were appointed to collect from those who had subscribed to pay W.W. Hallam. Brother Harden was appointed to prepare the wine for another year.

1892. The brethren considered that they should no longer fellowship such members as participated in dances and other unchristian devices. The pastor was to visit such members and, if possible, restore them to the church. A collection was taken at Lord's day meetings by passing through the congregation. A committee was chosen to learn the cost of the parsonage. The soliciting committee was not able to raise sufficient funds to pay for the parsonage. It was decided to sell property east of the church, 50' x 100' at \$50.00 each. The sale of the lots was assigned to the deacons. A.J. Richardson, J.I. Crabtree, Samuel Darby, and W.E. Thomas were elected delegates to the meeting at Turner. Delegates were sent for three successive years, then there is no record until 1900, when three or four were sent for each of seven successive years. Six were sent in 1896. A sick committee was appointed to report if any member is sick or in distress. Three women, Retta Shelley, Electa Crabtree, and Emmaline Richardson were chosen.

1893. A resolution was adopted that each member pay 10¢ a week for one year to pay for preaching and other expenses. Members were interviewed to see if this could be paid, A.J. Richardson made a motion that the pledge of 10¢ a week be dispensed with. The motion prevailed. It was agreed that wood be hauled and put in the shed. Sister Richardson was appointed to bring the emblems each Sunday. No mention was made that she was a deaconess.

1894. Two ushers, A.J. Richardson - to serve on the east aisle - and Retta Shelley - to serve on the west aisle - were appointed. (Perhaps this was because the men sat on one side and the women on the other). A janitor was hired for \$1.00; \$1.50; or \$2.00 a month. This was sometimes paid by the Ladies Aid or the work was volunteered by them or other members of the church. In 1903, the pay was \$2.25; 1905; \$2.50; \$3.00 in 1911; May 1, 1927, when Susie Kearns was hired the salary was raised to \$5.00 and to \$7.00 in 1928.

1895. Part of the money was made up to pay for the grapes and sugar that the wine was made of. Brother Richardson was partly reimbursed for sawing the wood. The hand of Christian fellowship was withdrawn at intervals from several members for misconduct, or unchristian language. The soliciting committee reported \$165.00 collected. It was voted to raise the subscription 20% if the required amount could not be raised otherwise. A motion was passed that "each male member, the head of a family, furnish in the woodshed, one load of wood ready for the stove. A committee of one, J.J. Hardon, was appointed to procure the grapes and prepare the wine for sacrament. Repairs were made on the church sidewalk.

1896. In February, two dozen song books, Gospel Light (cloth bound) were purchased. A committee, two women, were appointed to solicit \$10.00, the church's share for district work. The church agreed to open an alley on the north of the church land. A galvanized oil can with spout was purchased. A motion was made and passed that each member present be required to vote on any and all questions coming before a church meeting. The land east of the church was sold to W.E. Thomas for \$65.00. The Aid Society paid the May 2nd bills. The church land was surveyed by the county surveyor. 1897. It was decided that the organ not to be taken from the church except for the use and benefit of the Christian Church at Stayton. The invalid chair belonging to S.A. Jones at Brooks, was borrowed for the use of Mrs. J.W. Waters. Expressage, 55¢, was collected. Minnie Mangle resigned as treasurer and Nora Crabtree was elected.

1898. Tenure of office for church officers was adopted on the 1-, 2-, 3- year basis. It was moved to use the name instead of initials for elders and deacons, and first name, instead of the husband's name for deaconesses. A lecture by the Anti-saloon League was given which was well attended. The clerk was authorized to correspond with Jennie Downing of Whiteaker, to see how much she could get pledge to pay the pastor, A.D. Skaggs, to go to Rock Point to preach part time. John Cashatt of Mehama was also contacted to see if any good could be done there.

1899. W.E. Thomas bought two brooms for the church for 60¢; in April, 1914, one broom cost 40¢; in October, 1932, E.G. Downing paid 85¢ for one broom for the church; and now, 1956, a good broom costs \$1.69. The churches of Marion County hold the district convention in the Stayton Church. In April, the church was insured in the Oregon Fire Relief Association of McMinnville, Oregon. One elder Adam Burns, and two deacons, John Carter and R.E. Downing, from Rock Point were elected. The YPSCE was organized with Mrs. W.H. Hobson, president. Discipline was discussed and Bro. Skaggs was made a committee of one to represent the church and talk with those who walk disorderly.

1900. A conference was held with A.L. Shreve about electricity with no definite answer. Four gas lamps were purchased, \$4.60, plus one can of "gasoline oil". A committee was appointed to repair the fence around the church lot to keep stock out. A letter was issued to Everett Downing Dec. 25. The matter of selling the church house and grounds was brought before the board. A committee of W.E. Thomas, J.I. Crabtree, and S.T. Darby was appointed to select a new site and the probable cost of a new

house. The report was that a church house could be built complete for \$1,000.00.

1901. January 5, a committee was appointed to solicit money for the minister's salary. It was decided to have prayer meeting on Thursday evenings. W.E. Thomas, J.I. Crabtree, and Frank McKaniel were appointed to see about moving the church. The church originally stood at the head of Second Street (in the street). That section was a portion of the Hollister addition. On October 1, the church was moved a short distance to the west, to its present location.

1902. January 4, was the first election of church officers under the 1-; 2-; 3- year tenure plan. Funds for the pastor's salary were raised by solicitation.

1903. The DeMoss concert was given in the spring. (That year - 1902-3, the author taught a country school in Jordan and rode horseback the 10 miles to hear the DeMoss concert). A shadow supper was given to raise funds for the preacher's salary. In addition, each member who had not subscribed to the preacher's fund, was required to give \$1.00. There were requests that year from preachers from other denominations, for the use of the church but the requests were denied. The doors were closed to Mormons and Latter Day Saints.

1904. The deacons were instructed to investigate, or see, about buying a piece of land along the Salem canal for the purpose of baptism. There is no further information about this committee, but baptisms were made in the so-called Salem ditch above the bridge on Second Street. The date the present baptistry was installed is not definitely known, but it is thought to have been about 1920. Five panel doors and windows (14' x 32') with transoms (14" x 24") were installed for \$100.21. Four dozen song books were purchased,

1905. Two women were appointed to take up the collection every two weeks. In July, \$30.60 was sent to the Santiam Church. Two stoves with pipe, were purchased from Streff's for \$30.75.

1906. Two funds were set up on March 4, one for the pastor's salary and one for a general fund. The old gasoline lights were donated to the Santiam Church.

1907. A bill for \$111.30 for repairs on the church, including \$10.70 for carpet, was allowed Willis Caldwell.

1908, Electric lights were arranged for February 2; cost, \$49.00.

1909. The Ladies Aid gave a communion service to the church. Nora Crabtree was elected church clerk for one year. She resigned February 6, 1910, and Jessie Goodman was appointed to serve for the remainder of the year.

1910. The Ladies Aid gave \$10.00 to the church, for which a vote of thanks was extended. George Ramsey was given a letter of recommendation for ordination. A pledge of \$400.00 was made for a pastor for full time service; the remainder to be raised by the Ladies Aid. It was decided by the church, to have communion service before Bible School was dismissed so members could attend other church services. Floyd Crabtree began as janitor.

1911. The parsonage was built. The S.S, contributed \$50.00 for the support of the church. A duplex envelope system was adopted.

1912. The addition to the rear of the church was built. A motion was made and passed that the church should endeavor to become a Light Bearing church in the following leading points; 1. World wide evangelism; 2. Constant church attendance; 3. Genuine Biblical teaching; 4. Equal burden sharing; 5. Weekly observance of the Lord's Supper; 6. A wholehearted prayer service; 7- A spiritual Eldership and Deaconate (deacon-ship). The name of A.P. Kirsch was first mentioned on a revision of the financial system. Mr. Kirsch is now (1956) one of the Elders Emeritus of the church. It was decided to raise funds to buy a stereopticon for Brother Dunri to use in giving illustrated lectures. Thirty dollars was given toward retiring the parsonage debt. By motion May 5, an ordinance was posted on the church prohibiting writing on song books or other property belonging to the church. It was decided to have a Fourth of July stand, W.E. Thomas in charge; the proceeds to go for repairs and other church expenses. The parsonage debt was paid on July 7.

1913. Two men ushers were named. The church was painted; \$110.00 was solicited to pay for the job. Pledges were taken for expenses of a revival meeting. The piano was tuned, \$4.00; and a bill at Beauchamp's Drug Store, \$2.10, for wine, was paid. The deacons were appointed to solicit the back pledges on the present year's work.

1914. A .P. Kirsch was elected deacon for one year and in 1916, for two. On July 5, Brother Rossell gave a report for the year which was accepted and recorded on the books, We preached 120 sermons; there were 33 additions to the church. A solicitation for pledges for the year's work was made - July 1914 to July 1915 - for current expenses and pastor's salary.

1915. J.C. Brewer rented the parsonage, Feb. 21st, for \$7.00 a month. The parsonage was repaired, \$18.42.

1916. It was suggested by H.L. Putnam, that Kingston, North Santiam, and Stayton be consolidated but nothing definite was done. Up to this time the three churches had worked together. A committee was appointed to plant shrubs and flowers in the church yard. One-hundred copies of the Gospel Bell song books were ordered.

1917. Brother F.M. Horn was called to serve one-half time - \$11.00 was pledged per Sunday for his support. Only four meetings were recorded for 1917.

1918. A subscription paper was passed to members present who pledged themselves monthly for church support. Members not present were to be invited to subscribe. There were but four meetings recorded during 1916.

1919. The Ladies Aid report showed 46 regular meetings during the year. Nora Crabtree (later Mrs. Tom Taylor) was assistant church clerk for 1919 and 1920; clerk from 1921 to 1930 when she was succeeded by Nellie Sandner.

1920. The treasurer's report on receipts from members was set up in alphabetical order. Arrangements were made for communion services for those who could not attend the church service. The baptistry was supplied with hot and cold water (first mention of baptistry).

1921. New song books were bought; A.P. Kirsch paid one-half (provided they cost not over \$40.00); W.A. Weddle \$10.00; Roy Burson, \$5.00; Joe Kearns, \$1.00; T.L. Sanders, \$1.00; Ladies Aid, \$3.00; Price, \$34.71. A fund of \$50.00 was raised for shingling the Turner Tabernacle. The Ladies Aid presented communion cups, \$2,80; Mrs. E.B.

Watters, a piano scarf and baptism cup. The Bible School received \$329.33 for the year and paid out \$307.01. The Ladies Aid had 57 meetings; made 47 quilts and comforts; lost one member; gained seven; membership, 16; paid out \$25.09; receipts, \$51.20. Only five meetings were recorded for 1921.

1922. Two dozen communion cups were bought. The cesspool was repaired. Ten dollars was taken up for repairs at Turner. A bulletin board was put in the front of the church. A hot water system and bath tub were installed in the parsonage, plus calcimine, \$139.56. Twelve meetings were recorded for 1922.

1923- Paid \$52.50 for shingles for the parsonage and it was rented for \$20.00 a month. Mr. Kirsch, his sons, and Albert Frank repaired the church platform and steps. Mr. Kirsch donated \$16.00 for lumber and nails for the repairs. Gravel was put in front of the church. Communion cups were bought but the number was not stated. A bath tub, boiler, and fixtures, \$85.06, were installed in the parsonage; cost of labor, \$29.50; Lilly Hardware, \$25.00. The collection of \$128.20 was divided between Brother Burress and Brother Hoskins.

1924. The duties of elders and deacons were read by T.H. Taylor. The clerk reported that 26 members had been taken into the church during the year - also that four deaths had occurred, namely: Mrs. S. Titus; Mrs. M.F. Thomas; Mrs. James Rossell; Mrs. Joseph Kearns. Seven loads (24½ sq. yds.) of gravel, at 90¢ per square yard, were hauled to the church. Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Downing presented a new communion tray and glasses to the church on April 23. The partition in the hall was torn out "to give cloak, coat room." Aid was given to Brother and Sister Carl Titus for fire loss. In September a motion was carried that no signs be put on the church property. Subscriptions were solicited for 1924-5. Teddy Leavitt held meetings in October - cost about \$253.00. In December, the board favored disposing of the property on the corner west of the church.

1925. It was voted in the January 1 meeting that Brother Samuel Aplot be made elder emeritus. The lots mentioned above were sold to E.C. Downing. Cladek and Tate mended the tank (the minutes did not record which tank - probably in the baptistry). The first choir was organized under the leadership of Anton Brombs. Wood was donated by T.L. Sanders and A.P. Kirsch. George Johnston was recommended for ordination. A Bible School planning committee met at the parsonage August 27. At the September 9 meeting it was decided to make a sign reading as follows: -

Stayton Church of Christ
Morning and Evening
Services
Both Summer and Winter.

At the December 2, meeting, the following was reported for dinners served at sales. A.C. Barrows, \$61.50; Ed. Siegmund, \$76.38; Mrs. H. Downing, \$45.85; Total \$183.73. The inside of the church was repaired at a cost of \$225.00. Subscriptions to the amount of \$1334.10 were solicited by Floyd Crabtree and his helpers, for the year 1926. A committee was appointed to meet with committees from the Baptist and Methodist churches concerning the Week Day School for Religious Education. Average Bible School attendance, 137; collection, \$4.20; Bibles, 55.

1926. A revision of the church membership roll was begun. The parsonage was insured for five years at \$1,200.00. Funds for 1927 were solicited by Floyd Crabtree, \$1,500.00. A new stove was purchased for \$24.50. The inside of the parsonage was redecorated, \$58.50.

1927. At the January 5 meeting of the church board, it was decided that the deaconesses appoint committees to see to sell dinners, church dinners, also a flower committee, and that the deaconesses be given a special invitation to meet with them at the next meeting and to meet with them hereafter. A shower was given for Earl Downing and bride.

In May \$2.66 was paid for two dozen communion glasses. At the September 11 meeting, Floyd Crabtree who had up to this time done the recent soliciting for funds, was appointed chairman of the soliciting and collection committee. The church board received \$34.08 and \$34.62 from dinners served at the Mack sale and from a cooked food sale given November 19, both given by the women of the church.

1928. A motion carried that the Stayton Church join with the Baptist and Methodist churches in an observance of the adoption of the 18th amendment to the U.S. Constitution on the 16th of January. G.A. Sandner became chairman of the board. Cost of the R.E. Jope meetings, \$26.18. A light was put over the pulpit and the parsonage reshingled at a cost of \$137.10. A definite date was set for taking offerings. E.C. Downing was appointed house committee. Brother Shaw resigned Nov. 4. A pulpit supply committee was appointed: Floyd Crabtree, E.C. Downing,

1929. Screen doors and a sink were installed in the parsonage. Earl Downing held an evangelistic meeting. A missionary program was formulated: - state missions, foreign missions, home evangelistic cause; benevolent - were adopted. In May, Cora Crabtree was elected treasurer. Mr. Lyman painted the interior of the parsonage. Oral reports were given by Mr. Lyman every month.

1930. A Clerk for the church board, separate from the church clerk, was elected January 26. Floyd Crabtree filled this office until 1939. The records were written in the same book as the church records. Bible School attendance for 1930 was 5049; collection, \$172.82. The Ladies Aid had 70 meetings; members 21. Took in \$169.55; paid out \$113.81. The parsonage plumbing was checked and repaired, \$15.30. May 4 a unified service was adopted: - Bible School, 9:45 a.m. with the devotional and communion service to be included before dismissal from Bible School. An invitation was extended the North Santiam SS convention to meet with the Stayton SS. A church roll was classified as resident; non-resident; and deceased members. A letter was approved and sent out making a drive for back pledges and to take pledges for the next year's work. On Oct. 5, it was decided that the church board act as a committee, with the secretary of the board and the pastor to represent the church, in regard to the pension fund. Gravel, 26 yards, was put in front of the church; paid for by private donation. November 9, it was voted to extend the church platform 5 feet; cost \$16.74, to be paid out of the building fund.

1931. Mrs. E.C. Downing was elected pianist on Jan. 18, and still serves in that capacity (1956). A furnace was installed, \$311.93; the elbows and stovepipe were given to the Kingston Church. In July, the secretary opened an account with the State Accident Commission. The Ladies Aid bought paint and Bro. Lyman painted the parsonage. In the financial report it was stated that the church was \$10.00 better off than a year ago. The walk and belfry were repaired. Attendance for Bible School, February, 1084; for the same month, 1932, 120.

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*This concludes the first half of this detailed, internal history.
The remainder can be read in the Sublimity Archives.*